

Status of the central CVS service at CERN.



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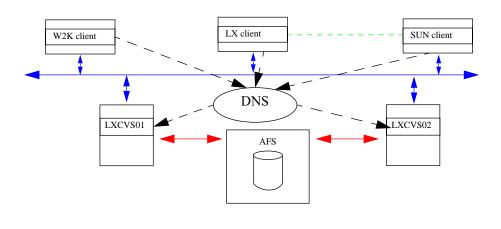


Background:

- Users requested the setup of Central CVS service
- User Requirements Collection (Existing CVS services)
- Architecture Proposal
- Constrain: Define a service to address user requirements within available resources (Weight Requirements).



Selected Architecture: Cheap HA



Advantages: No single point of failure, Scalable, No human intervention, No DiskArray, High Manageability, Hardware already available

Disadvantages: AFS and DNS dependency (already the case for almost everybody).



Analysis of User Requirements (I):

- H.A. Downtime: No resources => Cheap H.A.
- CVS locks monitoring: Have to be implemented.
- # of repositories: Its Maintenance Cost will be linked to the central CVS service evolution.
- Performance: Acceptable in all proposed architectures (see tests results).
 - Scalability: Load Increase=> Add new nodes



Analysis of User Requirements (II):

- Manageability: Have to be implemented. New Projects Registration, Access Granting to Librarians, etc.
 - Access Schemes: pserver, kserver and SSH.
 - CVS + Kerberos debugging (Thanks Rainer + Ignacio): ISS=>krb.realms/SRVTAB
 - Restricted Shell implementation (Thanks Lionel + Jan Iven)
 - CVS data integrity: AFS backup+cvsupd+castor
 - Migration of existing projects: Unknown
 - Monitoring system: CNSURE (or replacement)



Analysis of User Requirements (III):

- UNIX and Windows Accessibility: 1 FTE (few months) for packaging + a named contact for updates and user problems.
 - CVSWEB/Bonsai: Central WEB Servers.R/O. Fellow
 - Bugzilla and lxr: Not CVS. Not implemented.
- Project Management features: Expensive NO-CVS features which fall out of the scope.
- LCG CVS Requirements (Torre Wenaus): Included in the original list.



Tested Applications:

abi-1.0.1 - 51 MB, 4699 files octave-2.0.14 -18 MBytes, 3306 files mrproject-0.5.1 -4Mbytes, 434 files-

On 6 configurations:

KER/AFS: Kerberos IV access; AFS Repository; ISSCVS

KER/UFS: Kerberos IV access; Local Repository; ISSCVS

PRO/AFS: Kerberos IV access; AFS Repository; Production

PRO/UFS: Kerberos IV access; Local Repository; Production

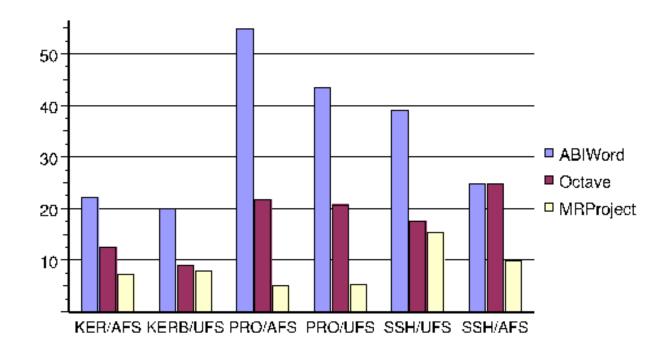
SSH/UFS: SSH access; Local Repository; ISSCVS

SSH/AFS: SSH access; AFS Repository; ISSCVS



Check Out Results:

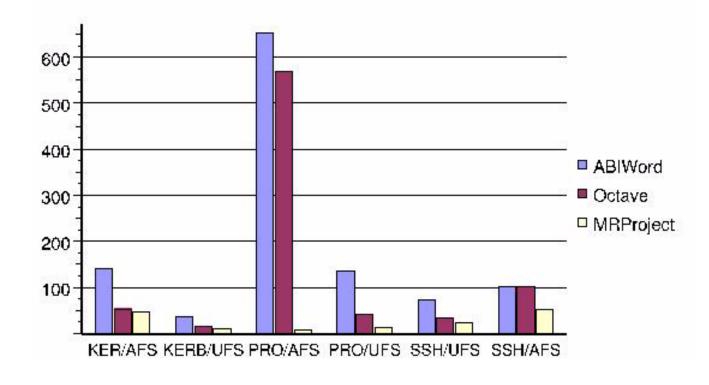
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ABIWord	22.129	19.998	54.937	43.431	39.127	24.916
Octave	12.634	8.98	21.782	20.771	17.57	24.916
MRP roject	7.253	7.906	5.091	5.243	15.46	9.859





Check In Results:

	KER/AFS	KERB/UFS	PRO/AFS	PRO/UFS	SSH/UFS	SSH/AFS
ABIWord	142.394	35.905	653.922	135.564	72.553	103.42
Octave	54.014	16.665	569.563	42.358	33.69	103.42
MRP roject	48.466	12.076	7.19	14.028	24.4	52.633





Tests Results:

- Sequential access: to time CO/CI
- Concurrent access: to check CVS locks creation
- Local Repository.vs. AFS Repository: A bit faster. Both Acceptable.
- CVS Kerberos IV.vs. SSH access: A bit faster but SSH also needed (CVS users from outside CERN).
 - CVS Locks: No more in AFS than in local file system
 - Transparent Fail-over takes less than 30 seconds
 - Conclusion: Architecture accepted => Implementation.



Current Status:

- Being used in Production by Anaphe
- Being evaluated by Atlas before migration
- Being tested by LCG
- Preparing IT/CO/BE migration
- CVS Locks monitoring system: Working
- CVSUP repository mirroring and Castor archive: Working
- CVSWEB for each project: Working
- CVS access monitoring system: Working



Still pending:

Finish Windows CVS client test:

Anonymous pserver: OK

Kerberos IV access will never work (since there is no K4 client for W2000)

Kerberos V may work in the future (not now)

Only hope for now: making it work through puTTY (via SSH).

- Automate Project creation and Service Administration
- Provide wider choice of WEB interface(s)
- Problems resolving isscvs.cern.ch from outside CERN (under investigation with CS group)
- Write documentation